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Statistics regarding the unemployed

* 751 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have made any attempt to gather statistics of the unemployed in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Sir, as there is acute unemployment and it is the burning problem of the day, may I know why the Government have not taken any statistics regarding unemployment? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government have got statistics regarding those who have registered themselves with the Employment Exchanges. So far, it has been found not practicable to undertake a survey of unemployed people in the State but the National Development Council which met recently in New Delhi has proposed that the Central Statistical Organization should work out a scheme for a comprehensive survey of the employment situation in the country."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the new Statistical Officer who is going to be appointed by the Government will be entrusted with gathering particulars regarding unemployment in the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, when this Central Statistical Organization would undertake a survey of the country, it would include this State also."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the people who get themselves registered in the Employment Exchanges are expected to renew their names every year. When they apply for renewal, they are not informed whether their names have been renewed or not and they are put to much hardship on this account. Will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to issue instructions to the officers in charge of these Employment Exchanges to send post cards to the applicants informing them whether their names have been renewed or not? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I shall look into the suggestion."

Malabar district village officers

* 752 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 159 on 15th March 1954—

(*a*) whether any enquiry has been made to ascertain whether the Government received any memorandum from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association on 21st November 1953, regarding their grievances; and

(*b*) if so, the result of the enquiry and the action taken on the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No such memorandum was presented to the former Chief Minister when he toured in Malabar during November 1953."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Sir, may I know how long it will take the Government to come to a decision in the matter? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has said that no memorandum has been received at all."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, what the Hon. Minister for Revenue means is that the memorandum, dated 21st November 1953, has not been received. I would like to know whether any memorandum earlier to this or subsequent to this has been received because this is one of the burning problems of the district and a number of memoranda have been sent with copies to us also? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the memorandum was not received at all. Last time also this question was put and I answered that I would verify the matter. I have now verified it and found from the department that no such memorandum had been received."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since about 150 karnams are alleged to have been charge-sheeted, it is causing serious concern. Will the Hon. the Speaker be therefore gracious enough to allow a half-hour debate on this subject? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection to allowing a half-hour debate but it may not be possible to fix the date. Today we have got a one-hour debate and tomorrow is a non-official day. I will let the hon. Member know when we shall have the half-hour debate."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I wish to rise on a point of order. The Hon. the Minister for Revenue said on the floor of the House that no memorandum, dated 21st November 1953 from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association had been received. May I submit through you, Sir, to the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue a copy of the memorandum that was submitted on 21st November 1953 to the then Chief Minister Sri C. Rajagopalachari. I am passing it on through you, Sir, so that the Hon. the Minister may at least be kind enough to look into this matter now and see that the grievances of the village officers are redressed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not see any point of order in this."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" My point of order is, whether the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue is justified in saying that no memorandum has been received? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—"If the Hon. Minister gives a wrong reply, I cannot help it. There are other ways by which the hon. member can bring it to the notice of the House. Anyhow, I will pass on the copy of the memorandum to the Hon. Minister."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"Sir, I never referred to the date 21st. I only referred to the month November." (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—"I cannot allow a debate on this."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"On a point of personal explanation, Sir . . ."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"The ex-Chief Minister is a very careful person. In fact, he has given us many lessons regarding how we should deal with our files and dispose them of. As a very careful person, if he had received any memorandum, it is likely it should be in his file." 11-50 a.m.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"Sir, on a point of personal explanation. The question referred to is about the memorandum that I have just now passed on to the Hon. Minister. It was submitted on 21st November 1953 and the Hon. Minister also referred in his reply to the one presented in November 1953 itself. Therefore, the memorandum referred to is the same."

Mobile medical units in Malabar

* 753 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many Government mobile medical units are now working in the Malabar district and where?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Nil, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—"Sir, one was promised for Tellicherry. But there are no signs of its coming as assurance is negatived. May I ask the Government whether there is to be any Mobile Medical Unit in Tellicherry at all?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"It has since been decided that the scheme of Mobile Medical Unit should be started in those districts where there are no primary centres."

Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills

* 754 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action the Government propose to take or have taken on the memorandum submitted by the President of Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills Workers' Union, Pappinisseri, in November 1953, regarding the violation of the provisions of the Factories Act by the Manager of the Mills prior to the closure of the Mills on 2nd January 1954; and

(*b*) with what result?